



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9938**
Hiroshi TAKANASHI et al. : Docket No. 2001_0476
Serial No. 09/838,118 : Group Art Unit 1752
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of the references listed on attached form PTO-1449.

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(2) ☐ the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

- b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
- d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
1. Enclosed is a JPO Office Action (=Notification of Reasons for Rejection; Reasons 1 and 2) for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 10-071513 (Dispatch date: October 16, 2003, Drafting date: October 14, 2003), an English translation thereof, and References 1- 5 and English abstracts thereof cited in the Office Action.
 2. Assignee of this application filed an argument on December 15, 2003 at the JPO for the Notification of Reasons for Rejection.
 3. The Decision of Rejection by the JPO was dispatched on January 16, 2004, indicating the application should be rejected for Reason 1 as described in the Notification of Reasons for Rejection drafted on October 14, 2003. No additional references were cited in this Decision. Enclosed is the Decision of Rejection and an English translation thereof.
 4. Assignee filed an Appeal Brief on June 11, 2004 and an Amendment on March 17, 2004 for the Decision of Rejection.
 5. The Japanese application is now under examination.
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO	
	AJ	10-10742	1/1998	Japan			abstract	
	AK	08-220766	8/1996	Japan			abstract	
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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